

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1 1. (Previously Presented) An operator used in connection with a door having a counterbalance system including an axle, comprising, a motor assembly, a gear assembly operatively interconnected with said motor assembly such that said motor assembly causes rotation thereof, a bore in said gear assembly adapted to receive the axle which is rotatable with said gear assembly and a gear segment of said gear assembly that is removable to radially open said gear assembly and allow insertion of the axle into said bore, wherein said motor assembly includes a rotatable drive gear engageable with a gear surface formed on said gear assembly, wherein said gear assembly includes an outer rim, said gear surface being formed interiorly of said rim and said drive gear engaging said gear surface interiorly of said rim .
- 1 2. (Canceled).
- 1 3. (Canceled).
- 1 4. (Previously Presented) The operator of claim 1, wherein said rim extends axially inward to an extent substantially the same as or greater than an axial extension of said drive gear, whereby said drive gear is housed within said gear assembly.
- 1 5. (Original) The operator of claim 1, wherein said gear segment is slidably received within said gear assembly, and is removable in a direction parallel to the axle.
- 1 6. (Previously Presented) The operator of claim 5, wherein said gear assembly includes a hub defining said bore, a rim spaced radially from said hub, and a gear surface formed on said rim and engageable with a drive gear associated with said motor and rotatable therewith, wherein said gear segment includes a rim portion, a gear portion formed on said rim portion, and a hub portion, wherein said rim portion and said hub portion are removable with said gear segment .

- 1    7. (Currently Amended) The operator of claim 6, wherein said hub is divided into a
- 2        first half and a second half, said first half forming said removable hub portion and
- 3        interconnected with said[[said]] rim portion by a wall portion, whereby said gear
- 4        segment may be removed in a unitary fashion.
  
- 1    8. (Original) The operator of claim 7, wherein said gear segment is selectively attached
- 2        to said gear assembly by a fastener.
  
- 1    9. (Original) The operator of claim 8, wherein said gear segment includes a laterally
- 2        extending tab that overlaps a portion of said gear assembly, wherein said gear
- 3        segment is attached at said tab.
  
- 1    10. (Previously Presented) The operator of claim 9, wherein said gear segment includes
- 2        a backing plate extending radially between said rim portion and said first hub half
- 3        and spaced axially outward of said rim, wherein said tab extends laterally from said
- 4        backing plate.
  
- 1    11. (Original) The operator of claim 10, wherein a pair of tabs extend from said backing
- 2        plate and wherein a pair of fasteners extends through said tabs into said gear
- 3        assembly to attach said gear segment thereto.
  
- 1    12. (Previously Presented) The operator of claim 11, further comprising means for
- 2        clamping said first and second halves of said hub together.
  
- 1    13. (Previously Presented) The operator of claim 12, wherein said means for clamping
- 2        said halves of said hub together includes a lip carried on at least one of said halves
- 3        of said hub and a receiver formed on the other of said halves of said hub defining
- 4        a slot extending in the axial direction for receipt of said lip.
  
- 1    14. (Previously Presented) The operator of claim 13, wherein said lip has an outwardly

2 facing surface that slopes inwardly as said lip extends outwardly from said one of  
3 said halves of said hub in the axial direction, and wherein said receiver has an  
4 inwardly facing surface having substantially the same slope as said outwardly facing  
5 surface on said lip, wherein said surfaces are engageable upon insertion of said lip  
6 in said receiver.

1 15. (Previously Presented) The operator of claim 12, wherein said means for clamping  
2 said halves of said hub together includes a pair of lips extending axially inward from  
3 said first half of said hub and a pair of receivers supported on said second half of  
4 said hub located axially inward of a radially extending end wall on said gear  
5 assembly, said receivers defining axially extending slots adapted to receive said pair  
6 of lips on said first half of said hub.

1 16. (Previously Presented) The operator of claim 15, wherein said means for clamping  
2 further comprises a second pair of lips extending axially outward from said second  
3 half of said hub and a pair of receivers supported on said first half of said hub and  
4 located axially outward of said end wall, said receivers defining slots adapted to  
5 receive said second pair of lips on said second half of said hub upon insertion of  
6 said gear segment.

1 17. (Original) The operator of claim 16, wherein said lips have outwardly facing  
2 surfaces that are tapered inwardly as the lips extend axially outward from said end  
3 wall, and said receivers have inwardly facing surfaces that taper inwardly as they  
4 extend axially outward from said end wall, said inward facing surfaces of said  
5 receivers and said outward facing surfaces of said lips being engageable upon  
6 insertion of said gear assembly.

1 18. (Previously Presented) The operator of claim 17 further comprising, a locking collar  
2 slidingly received over at least one of said first and second halves of said hub and  
3 fastenable to said end wall.

1       19. (Original) The operator of claim 18, wherein said end wall carries an axially outward  
2       extending projection and wherein said locking collar includes a radially extending  
3       portion adapted to fit over said projection upon sliding said clamping ring over said  
4       hub.

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